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## Last Big Bond Drive Begins

"Let's finish the job!"

With this slogan, the final bond drive of World War II—the Victory Loan—was launched this week at McGuire General Hospital.

The goal for the hospital is \$98,429. Of this amount the quota for civilian personnel is \$53,429. The objective for enlisted men, including patients, is \$26,137.50. The objective for officers is \$18,862.50.

The civilian personnel quota is based on 30 per cent of the payroll for September.

Inasmuch as the campaign in military establishments will cover the period 29 October to 31 December, 1945, all bonds purchased in the slightly more than two months period will be credited toward the 30 per cent.

The McGuire drive is under the direction of Capt. Aubrey Neil, savings officer and director of the fiscal division. He is assisted by Lt. Margaret White and Chaplain Edward W. Eanes, assistant savings officers.

Bonds can be purchased at the hospital bank or the finance office. However, all bonds acquired by civilian or military personnel of the hospital will be credited toward the hospital goal regardless of where purchased.

Chaplain Eanes cited five reasons why the Victory Loan is necessary:

1. To pay the bills for munitions and material already delivered and used.

2. To pay the cost of guarding Germany and Japan.

3. To pay for the care of our wounded and disabled.

4. To pay off and provide benefits for 8 million or more veterans to be discharged by next July.

5. To keep the lid on price inflation.

"All this costs money—lots of it—and we cannot afford to leave unfinished this important war financing job," Chaplain Eanes said. "It is therefore more important than ever that we buy Victory Loan bonds—and hold them."

There will be introduced during the campaign a "Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Bond." It will sell for \$150 maturing in ten years at \$200.

## Patients, Nurses Make Bond Tour

With the start of the Victory bond drive eight patients and two nurses have departed temporarily from McGuire to tour the Third Service Command in order to impress the public with the necessity for continuing the purchase of bonds.

Another group of seven patients is scheduled to visit Baltimore on Armistice Day, Nov. 11, for one day in connection with the bond sale.

The eight patients who left last week to tour Pittsburgh and Philadelphia are Pvt. Gabor A. Kovacs, Pfc. Reuben Kline, T-5 Joseph Horsfall, Pfc. Charles Kuhn, Pfc. Earl Detweiler, Pfc. Karl H. Rose, Pfc. Willard Cadeau and Pfc. John R. Montez, all amputees.

Capt. Ruby G. Bradley and Lt. Helen E. Jacobs left for Baltimore to begin their tour from the service command headquarters. Capt. Bradley was a prisoner of war of the Japs in the Philippines.

Duties of personnel on tour are few, being confined to activities such as personal appearances at rallies, factories and offices.



**JUNIOR IS UNIMPRESSED**—Completely indifferent to the award of a thousand dollar war bond given to his father, Pfc. James C. Pack, of Mill Springs, N. C. by screen star Gary Cooper and presented locally by Col. P. E. Duggins, commanding officer, Barry Pack, age 5, closed his eyes at the photographer's flash bulb and refused to smile at the birdie, not even the one on the colonel's shoulder. Cooper turned over his fee for a recent coast-to-coast broadcast to the soldier, a paraplegic patient here. Mrs. Pack smiled happily at the goings on.

## "House of Magic" Exhibits Marvels; Big Show on One-Day Visit Here

General Electric's "House of Magic," one of the hit shows of the New York World's Fair and of every major exposition since Chicago's Century of Progress, will be presented at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, Nov. 8, in the Red Cross auditorium here.

A man walking away from his own shadow, visible sound and audible light are some of the demonstrations which startled World's Fair audiences and will be seen here by arrangement with the research laboratory of the General Electric Company.

The presentation will be under the direction of William A. Gluesing, who in private life is a real magician as well as a scientific one, and whose gift of showmanship makes the "House of Magic" as entertaining as it is educational.

The "House of Magic" is the name originally given to the research laboratory of the General Electric Company, over the protests of the nearly 400 serious-minded scientists who work there. From the research laboratory come the effects and demonstrations of the "House of Magic" show which suggest new developments for the future that the average layman never dreamed of.

A phosphorescent screen enables Gluesing to walk away from his own shadow, shake hands with his shadow and roll it up into a box. Music is sent across the stage on a beam of light with the aid of a special lamp and a phototube, commonly called the electric eye. The special lamp sends a beam of light which changes with all the musical vibrations of a phonograph record. While the human eye is too slow to see the light changes, the electric eye sees each change and records it as a change in sound on the loudspeaker. This same experiment of carrying sound on a beam of light has been performed in Schenectady for a distance of more than 25 miles, from airship to earth and from a moving train to station platform.

Arrangements were being made this week for the dedication Sunday afternoon, November 11, of the open-air bandstand which was recently erected on the parade grounds across from the administration building.

C. K. Martin, vice-president of Local 88, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, is arranging the program. He announced that the principal speaker will be Charles Erwin of New York City, a representative of the national office of Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

It is planned to have music by the John Marshall High School band.

Members of the local union raised \$1,000 for construction of the bandstand. The balance of \$1,500 was contributed by the Friedman-Marks Clothing Co. of Richmond, where the union members are employed.

## \$1,000 Bond Given Vet By Gary Cooper

"I never expected anything like this."

Interrupting a 90-day furlough to ride six hundred miles from his home in Mill Springs, N. C., to return to McGuire for the occasion, Pfc. James C. Pack, a patient here, was surprised and gratified to receive a \$1,000 war bond sent to him by screen star Gary Cooper which was presented to him last Sunday by Col. P. E. Duggins, commanding officer of the installation.

### EM Promotions; Morale, Wages Up

After many barren months, 65 promotions were allotted the enlisted men of the detachment here last Saturday by headquarters of the Third Service Command. On Monday, at a special meeting in the EM day room, Col. P. E. Duggins congratulated those rewarded and presided over the presentation of the special orders giving the men their new rank.

In a short talk to the entire detachment, Col. Duggins expressed his regret over his inability to award promotions to each of the detachment members. The audience was congratulated also on the quality of the work performed during the period when the promotions seemed a hopeless possibility.

"I know that the level of morale here has declined to some extent because of the pressure of work, the shortage of personnel and the lack of promotions. With these current promotions, it is our hope that morale will be restored to its former high level," the colonel said.

A complete list of the promotions will be found in the "Bars and Stripes" column on page two.

### Club Members Meet To Elect Officials

Importance of the first annual meeting of Civilian Recreation Center No. 1 next Tuesday evening was stressed by George T. League, CRC president, who pointed out its two-fold purpose:

1. To formally adopt the new constitution.

2. To elect new officers and members of the administrative council.

Mr. League said that all future annual meetings will be held on the same date and the officers elected next Tuesday will serve until the next annual meeting.

"It is important, therefore, that all members attend and vote for their favorite candidates," he said.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 P. M. in the club room at 6011 E. Main St.

The newly-elected president will immediately appoint a new house committee which will begin functioning at once.

The drawing for the washing machine, Mr. League advised members, will be held as soon as all the tickets are sold.

### Top Kick Appointed

Headquarters detachment, for the second time in less than a month, has a new top kick.

T-Sgt. John G. Atmankik took over the reins this week succeeding 1st Sgt. Manuel P. Lucero, who received his discharge.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Sgt. Atmankik has been in the army a few days less than 57 months. He was inducted at Fort Meade and was then sent to Fort Eustis, Va., where he was stationed for 3½ years.

He came to McGuire July 6, 1944, and was assigned to Reconditioning Service.

"I want civilians to be on guard against men like Hitler and Mussolini all the time. I want you to stamp them out wherever and whenever you run into them. I don't want them ever to get a chance to grow strong. I don't want my boy to be fighting another World War against them in another twenty or twenty-five years."

Pack's wife and five-year-old son, Barry, accompanied him back to

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## Writer's Cramp

For good or bad, signs continue to multiply that we are resuming the kind of life we led way back before Pearl Harbor. The end of shoe rationing was one such welcome indication. To limit the average woman to two or three pairs of shoes a year was akin to trying to match the explosive force of the atomic bomb with a Fourth of July firecracker. Fathers of daughters found their offspring particularly trying when the girls "borrowed" the old man's coupon to buy shoes that consisted of soles only, that being the rage of the moment.

Comes the day, as it will soon, when instead of lacking the required number of red points for a rib roast, the only barrier to buying a choice cut of beef will be that our choppers are not as sharp as they were once, heaven forbid.

All of which is a preface toward another aspect of reconversion. The clock last week made a complete circle when the firm of Montgomery Ward was turned back to its owners by the Army.

Recalling the early days of the seizure, a clever news photographer staged a stunt reminiscent of the time when two burly MPs carried Sewell Avery bodily out of his office. This flashbulb fiend restaged the business and had two civilian clerks carting out some GI via the same route.

As we look back upon it, it seems to us the soldier looked much more dignified in making his exit than did the mail-order executive.

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Trust the Japanese, if you can, to maintain their reputation for imitation. For many years the island people thrived on their ability to copy western ideas and duplicate by flimsy substitutes certain products for which there was a ready market.

GIs doing occupational duty in the land of the rising sun have just been taken in by this Jap trait. According to the Metropolitan Police Board in Tokyo even the geisha girls who entertain our troops have been branded as fakes.

In order to qualify for a geisha license a Jap girl had to complete a difficult education in music, dancing, singing and other fine arts. In all the home islands there were only 10,500 licenses issued. The police say that of these just 1,500 were issued around Tokyo until they were revoked completely when the pressure of the war proved a little too much for the home land.

The Jap cops say that the current crop of geishas are either waitresses, factory workers or oriental bobby socksers.

There goes another happy dream.

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The wonders of science are a constant source of amazement to some one who cannot even approach any electrical appliance without receiving a shock. This week brought a new development in the field of fountain pens. A writing gadget has been devised, according to the ads, which will write for two years without needing a refill of ink. The promise is made by the makers that the pen is leakproof under any circumstances. A far cry from the goose quill.

Then along come some ingenious souls who have bought up from the government all the surplus gas masks which were never used during the war. The gas masks, a quartermaster item heartily disliked by every GI, have been dismantled and the various parts turned into candy boxes, sand pails, bicycle handle-bar grips and toy aviator goggles for children.

What amuses us, however, is the new application of a highly sensitive meter developed originally to record the vibration of industrial machinery. Some brilliant fellow has used the gimmick to study what happens to floors when the samba, tango, rhumba, fox trot, waltz, jitterbug and polka are danced.

Conclusions were startling. It turned out that the gyration of the jitterbug was a tamer affair than the old-fashioned polka. Even the Harlem version of the "lindy" failed to have the "jump" of the polka. Science marches on!

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Our final item concerns the woeful tale of a GI souvenir hunter in the ETO. For three months this soldier sweated over a Luger, taking it apart and mailing it home piece by piece to foil the postal restrictions against such items.

Recently, he received a heavy parcel from home which contained a shiny Luger and the following note from his wife:

"Darling, I took all the pieces around to a gun store and they put it back together very nicely. What's the matter? Wouldn't ordnance do it for you?"

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Wanna make money? \$18.75 will get you \$25.00. Buy a Victory Bond.

—D. F.



By Major R. A. Murphy

Q. I am contemplating making application for discharge for dependency. Will I be entitled to mustering out pay?

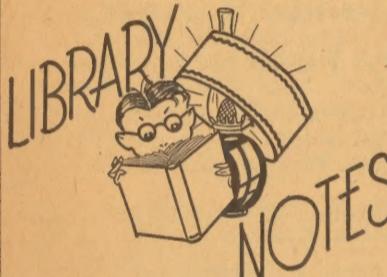
A. Yes. AR 35-2490, dated 15 June 1944 states: Personnel discharged or relieved from active service for dependency under section V, AR 615-360, under honorable conditions are eligible for mustering out payment, if otherwise entitled thereto.

Q. In the case of a permanent limited service officer who has been classified permanent limited service subsequent to entry upon active duty and who desires relief from active duty under WD Cir 290, does he have to appear before a retiring board prior to relief from active duty?

A. Officers who have been classified permanent limited service subsequent to entry upon active duty and whose applications have been finally approved for release from active duty under provisions War Department Circular 290, 1945, will be ordered to appear before an Army Retiring Board for determination of physical status prior to relief from active duty. If officer is found to be physically incapacitated for active duty his case will be disposed of under the provisions of WD Cir 109, 1945. If it is determined that the officer is not physically incapacitated he will be relieved from active duty under the provisions of WD Cir 290, 1945.

Q. I understand certain officers are being promoted automatically at Separation Centers. What are the requirements?

A. The War Department has recently announced that qualified officers of the Reserve Components, up to but not including colonels, will be promoted to the next higher grade at Separation Centers as they go on terminal leave. These officers must have served at least 2 years in their present grade since 16 September 1940, and must have an efficiency index of at least 3.5 in order to be eligible for the promotion.



By Suzanne McLaurin Connell

Many new books are arriving at the library these days. So, follow the adage "New lamps for old" and exchange your old books for a new book from the library.

Are you looking for a good novel? Try any of the following and be sure of having a pleasant time: "The Peacock Sheds His Tail," by Alice Tisdale Hobart; "The Gauntlet," by James Street; "The Kenneth Roberts Reader"; "The Long Journey," by Johannes Jensen; "He Brings Great News," by Clemence Dane; "The High Barbaree," by Nordhoff & Hall. Or, perhaps, you are looking for a good work of non-fiction. If so, try "Smouldering Freedom," by Isabel de Palencia; "Silversides," by Robert Trumbull; "Lake Erie," by Harlan Hatcher; "No Greater Love," by Spellman; "The Cossacks," by Maurice Hindus. Also, you'll find books on such varied subjects as domestic architecture, postwar jobs, photography, sports, law, business, and many other interesting topics.

"The End of the Trail," by Peter Field, is a new book of interest to the large group of readers who enjoy Western stories.

These are just a few of the new books which are arriving at your library for your entertainment and information. A library should be like a cornucopia, the proverbial "horn of plenty" and should have something for everyone; let's hope that you'll find just the book for you among these new arrivals.



In the midst of the discussion concerning the vital problem of painting or not painting the walls of the non-coms' club, a geyser erupted in the latrine adjoining the meeting room.

Working overtime to ready the place for the opening, a civilian plumber was petting the pipes in the washroom while Lt. McCusker was making an impassioned plea to the members of the club to start off their organization by making money. While the CO was talking, the plumber burst out of the room, water pouring from all joints. Dripping mad, he dashed outside to shut off the main valve. He returned in a little while looking very sheepish and still very damp.

The non-coms' club was launched more formally, a little later, in beer.

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Pipe the new stripes displayed here and there around the "campus." These morale-lifters have created a new threat to the ever-dwindling ranks of the "cheap labor" group.

Some of these new non-coms need reminding of the old army tradition of wetting 'em down and burning 'em up. Regular Army men know what we mean.

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Almost up to his last day in the army, S-Sgt. Harry Gallin, the Air

Corps' gift to McGuire, found the tradition of snafu being preserved to the end.

Feeling his oats as a prospective citizen, Harry insisted on staying in the day room while the detachment men were being paid. This desire did not quite coincide with the opinions of an MP guarding the cash. Harry was ordered out. He wouldn't go. The MP said he would. Harry did go—right out to the stockade. Staying in durance vile for several hours, Gallin reflected that if iron bars do not a prison make, they were a reasonably accurate facsimile.

The tale has a happy ending, however, since Harry was seen enjoying his freedom at the detachment Halloween hop. The next day found him on his way home. Crime does not pay!

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Speaking of the Halloween dance, as we were a paragraph ago, it seemed a highly enjoyable affair to all participants. Costumes were a trifle on the bizarre side with newly made Sgt. Henry Hurtig looking the spittin' image of Rasputin, the mad monk of all the Russias. He was wearing a garment that might have been fur-trimmed draperies. The only thing lacking was the scraggly beard that Lionel Barrymore wore in his depiction of the guy.

## McGUIRE On the Air

OPEN HOUSE AT McGUIRE

Saturday 5:00-5:30 p.m. WRVA HEAR special music by McGuire Band.

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SERGEANT EDDIE WEAVER Thursday, 3:45-4:00 p.m. WRVA HEAR organ melodies by Eddie Weaver. Featuring interviews with patients.

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OKAY AMERICA Tues., Oct. 23, 9:30-10 p.m. WRVA HEAR and SEE this entertaining Show starring patients and mc'd by Joe Brown, transcribed in ARC auditorium. Show begins at 7 p.m.

## Bars and Stripes

To Captain—  
1st Lt. Mary J. King.  
To First Lieutenant  
2nd Lt. Sylvester McCusker  
3rd Lt. Louise G. Osness  
To Technical Sergeant—  
S-Sgt. John G. Atamanchik, S-Sgt. Paul B. Funke, S-Sgt. Clinton W. Justice, S-Sgt. George S. Young.

To Staff Sergeant—  
Sgt. Byron Cade, T-4 Lawrence Enrione, Ggt. Harold E. Hildebrand, Sgt. Eugene Lillard, Sgt. David L. Pollock, T-4 Robert L. Powell, T-4 William D. Smith, Sgt. Howard R. Stockton, Sgt. Raymond S. Treon.

To Technician Third Grade—  
T-4 Frederick W. Fredette, T-4 Herbert R. Goldberg, T-4 Richard Quinn.

To Sergeant—  
Cpl. Gerald W. Ashley, Cpl. Arthur C. Axtem, Cpl. William Cheswick, Cpl. Albert G. Bianco, Cpl. Orville M. Crickenberger, Cpl. Richard M. Fry, T-5 Vincent B. Guaneri, Cpl. John La Dolcetta, Cpl. Jack Martin, Cpl. Frank S. Rowley, Jr., Cpl. John B. Sheppard, Cpl. John B. Trueheart, Cpl. Edward J. Weaver, Cpl. Woodrow N. Williams, T-5 Charles S. Wolf, Cpl. Henry D. Hurtig.

To Technician Fourth Grade—  
Cpl. Herman Botteon, Cpl. Thomas L. Byers, Cpl. Frederick A. Dubrava, T-5 Henrich H. Freuchenicht, Cpl. Frank D. Littlewood, T-5 Roger I. Peters, T-5 Edgar O. Retschlag, T-5 Richard W. Rosenberger, T-5 James A. Schact, T-5 Fred Schuessler, T-5 Clayton E. Schumann, Cpl. Alfred Reifman.

To Corporal—  
Pfc. Christian E. Adkins, Pfc. Leslie G. Bovee, Pfc. Cleo E. Brouillard, Pfc. Charles D. Clack, Pfc. Stanley E. Hennion, Pfc. Walter G. Keller, Pfc. Harlie Klinger, Pfc. Harold H. Lusman, Pfc. Ralph E. Phillips, Jr., Pfc. Joseph G. Powell, Pfc. Charles A. Smith, Pfc. Roy E. Price, Pfc. Sam Romalino.

To Technician Fifth Grade—  
Pfc. Michael Andrus, Pfc. Charles F. Bernhardt, Pfc. Arthur Alexander, Pfc. Paul Brunson, Pfc. Robert C. Bush, Pfc. James W. Cardwell, Pfc. Samuel A. Ceravolo, Pfc. Delmar L. Dayton, Pfc. Anthony Dente, Pfc. Alvin S. Feltman, Pfc. Alvin L. Haberstich, Pfc. Robert P. Hall, Pfc. Edward G. Janouskovec, Pfc. Max Lopez, Pfc. Norman J. Palmer, Pfc. Donald F. Rawlings, Pfc. John S. Stacowski, Pfc. James J. Szetligo.

## POST THEATRE

Week of Friday, November 3. Show for patients at 6:15 p.m.; for duty personnel at 8:15 p.m.

FRIDAY—"Sing Your Way Home," with Jack Haley, Anne Jeffreys.

SATURDAY—"Strange Confession," with Lon Chaney, Brenda Joyce.

SUNDAY & MONDAY—"The Lost Week-End," with Ray Milland, Jane Wyman.

TUESDAY—Double Feature: "Senorita From the West," with Allan Jones, Bonita Granville; "Girls of the Big House," with Lynne Roberts, Richard Powers.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY—"And Then There Were None," with Barry Fitzgerald, Louis Hayward, Judith Anderson.

FRIDAY—"She Went to the Races," with James Craig, Frances Gifford.



"I've told you a hundred times, Woolley—Inflate tires to pressure shown on dashboard! Inflate tires to pressure shown on dashboard!"

## Chapel Schedule

### PROTESTANT

Midweek Service Wednesday evenings ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Conference Room 12, Building 303.

Daily Services, Monday through Saturday inclusive, 8:00 a.m. in Red Cross lounge.

Sunday Service ..... 9:30 a.m.  
and, at 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room, Bldg. 303.

### CATHOLIC

Sunday Mass ..... 8:30, 11 a.m.  
Daily Mass ..... 5 p.m.

Confessions Saturday, 6:30, 8 p.m.

and Daily before Mass.

### JEWISH

Friday Services ..... 7:00 p.m.



## Vets' Administration Plans To Aid All Disabled Men

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Supplied by Veterans' Administration)—All wars have turned out full quotas of maimed and disabled—death and disability being just one of the by-products of victory or defeat—and this war, instead of being the exception, has turned out an even higher percentage of disabled than all other wars in which this nation ever engaged.

The very character of the fighting—on far-flung fronts ranging from the frigidity of the north to the heat and wetness of the tropical jungle—have made this more or less to be expected. Great strides in medical science have cut to a great extent the number of deaths, but have not eliminated disabilities.

There still remain, however, those thousands who bear the marks of war—who will bear those marks until the end of their time. Yet they are not the wreckage veterans of other wars became, because of a grateful Government which reflects the gratitude and appreciation of the American Public.

The answer to the ravages of war has been and will continue to be Rehabilitation.

The Congress of the United States has made generous and flexible provisions for education and training of the veteran who is in need of it through enactment of Public Law 16 of the 78th Congress.

To be eligible for training under this law a veteran must meet the following four requirements.

(1) He must have been in the active military or naval service on or after September 16, 1940 and prior to the termination of the present war;

(2) must have been discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable;

(3) must have a disability incurred in or aggravated by such service for which pension is payable under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration;

(4) must be in need of vocational rehabilitation to overcome the handicap of such disability.

The selection of a general occupation, such as a machinist or motor vehicle mechanic, or of a more specialized one, such as a turret lathe operator or automobile motor analyst, will be based upon the individual veteran's education, vocational experience, abilities, personal desires and degree and type of disability.

If on-the-job training appears best to meet the needs and wishes of the veteran, the regional office will then make an agreement with a suitable industrial establishment to provide vocational training which will supply the necessary occupational information and develop the proper skills to afford the disabled person a well-rounded knowledge of, and ability to perform, all the shop operations and other tasks which are essential to meeting employment requirements in the chosen field.

The Veterans' Administration will require the selected establishment not merely to put the man to work but to outline and carry out a specific course of training, the details of which will be made a part of the agreement. Careful supervision will be furnished during the entire period of training. The place of training, of course, will be dependent upon the particular employment objective selected and facilities which may be available.

All personal tools and other equipment necessary for pursuing the course of training will be furnished to the veterans by the Veterans' Administration. During his training period and for two months after employability has been determined the man will receive a pension of not less than his basic disability pension. The basic disability pension generally will be increased to \$92 per month or more if the veteran has dependents, on account of training, as subsistence allowance, with certain limitations when the veteran in training on the job receives a wage from the employer-trainer. The wage paid to the veteran, plus the portion of his pension added to his basic disability pension for maintenance may not exceed the amount the employer is paying to a qualified beginning journeyman in the occupation for which the veteran is being trained.

## Business Leaders To Address Vets

Business leaders of Richmond will speak once a week before patients attending the 9:30 and 10:30 a. m. meetings each Wednesday in the Red Cross auditorium according to plans being formulated by Capt. Earl Cleaves, director of the educational reconditioning service.

The program, which is scheduled to begin next Wednesday, is being arranged by Leo Buchanan, who heads a special committee of the Sales Executive Club of Richmond which has been set up to cooperate with Dean Modlin of the Evening School of Business, University of Richmond, in supplying speakers.

Mr. Buchanan is vice-president of the United Paper Company.

The general theme of the speeches will be "Job Opportunities." Talks are also to be made on current affairs. It is also planned to have representatives of various veterans' groups explain the purposes of their organizations.

Next Wednesday's speaker will be Thomas C. Boushall, president of the Morris Plan Bank of Va., and a former president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

The talks are to be tied-in with the Thursday morning discussions in the wards. Discussion leaders will attend the Wednesday sessions and on the following day take up the same subject in the wards.

The new program is scheduled to continue until the Christmas holidays.

## New Staff Chief in Service Command

Brigadier-General Hamilton E. McGuire, former chief of staff of the XIX Corps, 9th Army, in the ETO, has succeeded Brigadier-General Thomas B. Catron as chief-of-staff of the Third Service Command. General Catron has returned to the retired list of the Army and will become vice-president of McCormick Overseas Trading, Inc., a subsidiary of the McCormick Company of Baltimore.

The new chief-of-staff has had a distinguished military career which began at West Point in 1912. He has served in various parts of the world. For his service with the XIX Corps, he recently was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

## Call the Ice Man, Too!

When police spotted a naked woman walking the streets of this city, they arrested her and vainly tried to clothe her in her cell. She refused, but after spending the night seated on the radiator grilling she changed her mind and asked for some clothes—and a pillow.

## More About . . . . .

### Pack

McGuire for the presentation of the bond.

No plans have been made by Pack or his wife to spend the windfall. The bond will be saved until maturity and then spent wisely, according to the soldier from the Tarheel state.

As he returned to his home in Mill Springs, Pack still was bewildered over his good fortune. The returning 600-mile trip was given no thought. The greater part of his furlough was still before him. When he returns at its conclusion, the episode will be a sustaining thought along the tedious road ahead to recovery.

Before getting into his car to ride back home, Pack, shaking his head, was overheard repeating, "I never expected anything like this."



CUE CHAMP—Three times winner of the pocket billiard championship, Andrew Ponzi of Philadelphia, will display his skill on the green tables in an exhibition at the Red Cross auditorium here Monday.

## Pool Champ Ponzi To Show Cue Skill

When Andrew Ponzi, the billiards champion arrives at McGuire on Monday, Nov. 5, with his bag of tricks, patients here will see a fellow who learned to play pocket billiards with a broken arm, and who, although he was blind for six months during his boyhood, captured the championship of the world in a sport that requires very keen eyesight.

Ponzi lost his sight when a boy of eight years and regained it six months later through the skill of a surgeon. It was nine years later before he began to play pocket billiards. It was a broken arm that introduced him to the game.

As a messenger boy in Philadelphia, his home, he was riding on a street car when an impulse came to him, prompting him to thrust his arm out the window. Just a few seconds later, a passing truck crushed his arm against the side of the trolley. With his arm in a cast, Ponzi whiled away his time in a church recreation room in which there was a billiard table. Not much time elapsed before Ponzi, even with his arm still in a sling, was able to beat all the other kids in the neighborhood at shooting balls into pockets.

From that start, Ponzi went on to win the championship of the world on three different occasions.

At his exhibition in the Red Cross auditorium here Monday, Ponzi will demonstrate his art against all comers.

## Free Smokes Daily; Cig Shortage Ends

Apparently the cigarette shortage is over. Now they're giving 'em away.

A 30-day supply—1,800,000 cigarettes—for patients was recently received at McGuire. The cigarettes were requisitioned for FREE issue to the patients. The supply entitles each patient to a pack a day for 30 days.

The cigarettes were originally destined for overseas shipment but were diverted to McGuire when it was found they were not needed over the water.

They are now being watched over by WOJG Laurel E. Haggerty, chief of the consolidated property branch, pending arrangements by special services for their distribution.

## Board Sets Restriction At Local Officers' Club

The board of governors of the Officers' Club has announced that, starting this week, only duty personnel and their guests will be permitted to use the meeting place on Saturday nights.

The move was brought about when members found their facilities taxed by officer patients and non-members. While no attempt is being made to deny the patients any of the club privileges, members felt that unless the patients were guests they would be barred from the club only on Saturday evenings.

## Losing Both Legs No Barrier To Horsey Career Says Sgt.

The legless horseman of Ward 4—S/Sgt. James T. Keegan, Jr.—is going to ride again.

All of his life—he is now 33—he has ridden and trained horses and the fact that he lost both legs below the knees in the Pacific is not going to stop him from continuing his career.

## Interned by Nazis, Instructor Here

Dr. Curt Bondy of the Richmond Professional Institute, who was an inmate of the Buchenwald prison camp in Germany, is the instructor of a class in the fundamentals of psychology which meets each Monday at 7:30 P. M. in the study center, room 58.

The class is open without charge to hospital patients and personnel.

Dr. Bondy was an instructor of psychology in German reform schools when the war broke out and he was interned in the notorious concentration camp.

Capt. Earl Cleaves, director of educational reconditioning, also called attention of patients and personnel to a class in public speaking which meets each Thursday at 7 P. M. in the study center.

"Sure I have no feet," he said, "but you don't ride horses with your feet. It's the knees you need and mine are as good as ever. All I've ever cared about has been the training of horses—I was brought up with them—and I expect to be all set for the racing at Westbury and Saratoga next season."

Sgt. Keegan served with the famous 77th Division. He was section leader of a heavy machine gun platoon at the time he was wounded last spring on Aka Shima Island of the Ryukus. He arrived at McGuire early in May.

He then received weeks of physical therapy exercise which conditioned him to become skilled in using his prostheses. He was the first bilateral amputee at McGuire to walk with artificial limbs.

Light-weight metal prostheses were fitted on Sgt. Keegan for the first time three weeks ago and "I'm getting along good—great, in fact."

"I know I will be able to ride again in a sulky and it's just as easy to ride running horses. I've heard of a number of horsemen who have only one leg, so I should be able to do it."

Sgt. Keegan's brother, T/5 Edward Keegan, is with the 100th Infantry in Germany. Before the war the brothers operated private stables at the Riverdale, N. J., race plant, near their home at North Vale, N. J.

They make their home with their sister, Katherine Keegan. Their parents are dead.

Their father, James T. Keegan, Sr., was a professional horse trainer and the two Keegan boys grew up in the business. Upon the death of their father in 1935 Jim and Ed took over the stables.

"We trained trotters and saddle horses but specialized in saddle horses," Sgt. Jim said. "We still have the stables but there aren't any horses quartered there now. We expect to open a public stable next summer and again train both trotting and running horses."

Sgt. Keegan wears the Bronze Star "for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormac, Leyte."

Rochester, N. Y. (CNS)—Mrs. Ada King has enrolled in a philosophy course at the University of Rochester at the age of 81. "No," says she. "I won't wear bobby socks."



"ANYBODY GOT A MATCH?"—Surrounded by a carload of cough-provokers are Major William E. Barnes, (left) director of the supply division and WOJG L. E. Haggerty, chief of the warehousing section, in whose care have been placed 1,800,000 cigarettes donated to patients of McGuire by a prominent tobacco concern. Enough butts are here to supply each patient with a fresh pack every day for 30 days. Distribution is being planned now and the coffin-nails should find their way soon to eager inhalers. Are there any volunteers for a police-detail?

